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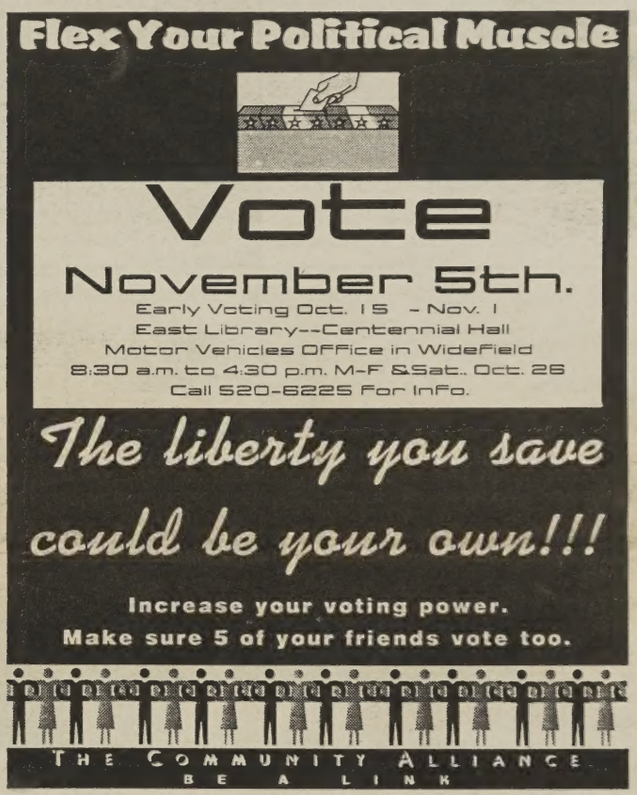
Amendment 13: Petitions
Among other changes, this amendment extends initiative and referendum power to citizens of local governments that do not currently have this power, such as school districts and counties. It also limits the length of ballot initiative descriptions to 100 words, makes the signature-gathering process less burdensome, and prohibits the preparation of a summary or fiscal impact statement.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Amendment 11: Property Tax Exemptions
Among other changes, this amendment would eliminate any property tax exemptions for real property used for religious purposes (i.e. churches, synagogues, and mosques) and for certain nonprofit charitable organizations (i.e. hospitals, counseling centers, Meals on Wheels).

Amendment 15: Campaign Finance
This amendment would enact campaign finance reform measures. Among other changes, it would limit the amount of campaign contributions to candidate committees, political committees and political parties, and it would create voluntary campaign spending limits.

Amendment 17: Parental Rights
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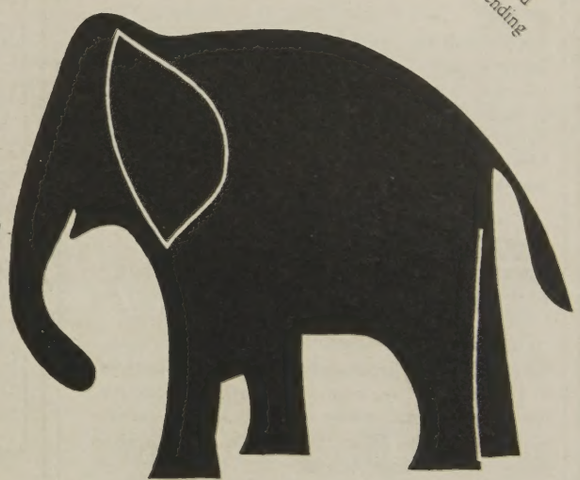

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-PPGLCC Bowling, Bear Crk. Lanes, 7p.m., 260-5987
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-Recreation at Pride Center 6:30p.m., 578-3160
-MCC Fellowship Live Care Group, 7:00p.m., 597-4997
-PFlag Meetings - 2nd Wed., 6:00p.m., 575-8666
-PPGLCC Executive Committee - 1st Wed., Pride Center 7:30p.m.
-PPGLCC Board Meetings - 3rd Wed., Pride Center, 7:30p.m.
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-50 cent draft night, True Colors
-All you can drink night, Hide & Seek
Thu:
-Bingo, PPGLCC Fund-raiser, Bingo Palace, 117 E. Las Vegas 11:30A.M. - 2:30P.M., Volunteers Needed, 687-6335
-MCC Fellowship Live Care Group, Daytime, 471-4422
-CGRA - 1st & 3rd Thursdays, Branding Iron, 7:00p.m.
-Country Night, True Colors
Fri:
-Gay AA, 471-4GAY
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-Adopt-A-Highway - 2nd Sat., Highway 24 near Cascade, 471-4GAY
-Dignity Mass - 1st & 3rd Sat., Sacred Heart, 7:00p.m.
-Women's Social Group (formerly FLO)-1st & 3rd Sat., 471-4GAY

Christian right leader: Dole has wronged us

Associated Press October 14, 1996

WASHINGTON -- A number of religious conservatives are planning to stay home Election Day rather than vote for Republican presidential nominee Bob Dole, says Martin Mawyer, president of the Christian Action Network.

Dole is not addressing the concerns of ``pro-family conservatives'' who consider themselves born-again Christians, Mawyer wrote in an opinion piece published in yesterday's editions of the Washington Post. That is one reason Dole's lagging behind President Clinton in opinion polls, Maywer claimed.

Christina Martin, a Dole spokeswoman, said the campaign believes Christian voters know what's at stake and will turn out for Dole.

``Pro-life, pro-family conservatives will be active on Election Day because there is only one candidate out there who favors such liberal ideas as nine-month abortions, as gays in the military, as condoms for school kids, and that is Bill Clinton,'' she said, including a reference to certain types of late-term abortions that Clinton has refused to outlaw.

``Bob Dole is the candidate who is standing for strong moral values,'' Martin said. But Mawyer said that Dole's only chance for recovering the disenchanted Christian right vote is to change his message--from concentrating on his 15 percent tax-cut plan to emphasizing issues of morality and values.

``When a candidate ignores our issues, we ignore him,'' said Mawyer, who founded the Forest, Va.-based group that claims a membership of 250,000. ``He seems not to have noticed that our schools have begun to teach our children that homosexuality is normal, natural and healthy.''

Quote of the Week

On Monday, October 14, 1996 Congressman Roberts and Democratic KS treasurer Sally Thompson, running for Kassebaum's Senate seat, had a fierce debate here in Johnson County. Upon seeing Thompson enter an elevator, Roberts said in front of them all, "I'm not getting in the elevator with that bitch.", according to a number of reporters. Roberts afterward said he should not have said that but refused to apologize to Sally.

Roberts BTW is strongly supported by the Christian Coalition...I guess the B word is bad on gangsta rap albums and movies that Bill Bennett and Dole don't like but ok for Republican politicians. Even Dornan doesn't talk like that.

IMPORTANT ALERT FOR ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL

It has been brought to the attention of Servicemembers Legal Defense Network that there is at least one web site which offers a registration service for gay and lesbian servicemembers so they can meet other gay military personnel in their area.

The site purports to be protected by "Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue." This simply is not the case. Under current regulations, servicemembers can be discharged for statements of gay/lesbian/bisexual orientation, regardless of the circumstances under which the statement was made. Registering for such a service could potentially be construed as a statement of gay orientation.

The bottom line is that communications on the net are NOT secure. There are cases of servicemembers who have been pursued based on email communications; while such pursuit remains relatively rare, it does happen. All gay, lesbian and bisexual servicemembers should be EXTREMELY careful about releasing information which could link them to statements of orientation, relationships or sexual conduct, especially when the identity of the communication's recipient is unknown.

If you are under investigation, remember your rights: Say Nothing, Sign Nothing and Seek Legal Counsel. Call SLDN at (202) 328-3244 for free, confidential counseling. SLDN is the sole national organization dedicated to providing legal aid and watchdog services for military personnel hurt by the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue" policy. We have assisted more than 1000 servicemembers in the last two and a half years. SLDN is a 501(c)(3) organization and is participating in the Combined Federal Campaign. Our CFC number is # 2617.

Colorado Springs Gazette telegraph September 25, 1996

Mutual Funds Seeks Gay Investors

NEW YORK, Oct 17 (Reuter) -

In what appears to be the first of its kind,a new mutual fund has been launched that is being marketed directly at homosexual men and women.

The fund buys only securities of companies with policies that it views as ``gay friendly.'' ``We won't invest in companies unless they have a progressive policy towards gays and lesbians,'' said Shelly Meyers, portfolio manager of the Meyers, Sheppard Pride Fund.

The 37-year-old Meyers, an MBA who describes herself as gay, said that her work in the investment industry convinced her there was a need in the market for such a fund.

Started in June, the Meyers, Sheppard Pride Fund looks for companies with personnel policies that explicitly prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation, and those that offer health benefits to homosexual partners.

Two fund-tracking firms said the fund appears to be the first to have such criteria.

Meyers said the fund has identified about 400 companies that meet its guidelines, including about 200 of those in the Standard & Poor's index of 500 stocks. That compares with a total of about 6,000 corporations with publicly traded stock in the United States.

Meyers said she has found that the technology, financial services and consumer services sectors have a higher proportion of companies that are ``gay friendly,'' with utilities and energy among the least friendly.

The fund's investment philosophy is value-oriented, seeking equities that are undervalued, she said.

The fund uses so-called momentum investing -- seeking out companies with rising earnings, a change in product mix or a significant management overhaul -- as well as traditional criteria such as stock price compared with a company's underlying value. ``We're bottoms-up stock pickers,'' Meyers said.

The fund has about 40 issues in its portfolio, and ranges between 35 and 55 stocks. Its top five holdings are: Arrow Electronics Inc., McKesson Corp., Time Warner Inc., Glendale Federal Bank and American Express Co.

Through last Friday, the fund has returned 4.1 percent, Meyers said. According to Morningstar Inc., which tracks fund performance, the average fund in the category returned 4.56 percent.

Meyers said the fund has about $800,000 in total assets. New funds often find it hard to reach $1 million at first, but she said she expected to cross that barrier soon.

She expected assets to grow to about $35 million by next June. The fund is aimed at individual and institutional investors.

Interested? Want more info? Call Sally 471-2828. Investement Management & Research--Investment Broker

BITS AND PIECES ... BY Jackie Beyer

Welcome to November

Here we are starting the month which includes both voting and giving thanks. I think it is lucky, in view of the dreary *months* of political campaigning, that we will have an opportunity after Nov. 5 to give thanks that it is over. Meanwhile if this reaches you before voting day try to think long term and vote the best way possible for this area. Some might think that gay men and lesbians are more eager to use what influence they can in the political process, but the October issue of *Out* reports some survey data in Northern California which suggests that eligible gay and lesbian voters register and vote in no larger numbers than do straight voters. Also the national voting radar screen has picked up the first self-identified gay voter activity through a survey released by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and based on data collected during the 1992 election We learn that 3.2 percent of all voters nationwide self - identified as gay. Even leaving out the closeted voters this number compares with the size of Latino or Jewish voters. The percentage ranges from 1 percent in small towns to 8 percent in large cities. The gay vote is concentrated in the 11 states that provide 49 percent of the electoral vote.

These voters, compared with non-gays, are disproportionately young with more than 60 percent under 40 vs. 40 percent of non-gays. Seventy-two percent of these gay and lesbian voters voted for Clinton in 1992 -- more than he received from union households or Latinos.

Why vote? Why worry? As one activist noted, if political activism becomes more important to community members, "It will force us to develop strategic think tanks; it will force us to examine our values; (or) one day we (will) wake up to a President Buchanan."

New Rules for Child Development?

The following was submitted to the *New York Times* "Metropolitan Diary" for 9/1 by reader Karen Gibson: "Dear Diary: At the check-out counter of my friendly local health food store I encountered yet another of the omnipresent baby vehicles that seem to have invaded the city over the last decade or so. My transaction was underscored by ongoing banter by cheery Mom about darling baby's cuteness, first sandbox experience and interest in her toes.

"I decided to make a valiant attempt to join the pervading spirit about my gentleman friend's grandson, a delightful boy of 2. I picked up my parcel to leave, beamed at the girl baby and said to her, 'Do I have a boy for you!' To which her cheery Mom cooed, 'But she doesn't know her sexual preference yet.'"

Media Watch: Ellen

With all the continuing discussion of "will she or won't she?" or "will they (advertisers) or won't they? My vote for the "Duh" quote of the controversy goes without any competition to Pat Robertson (what *would* we do without him?). In commenting on the possible coming-out of Ellen's lead character, played by Ellen DeGeneres, he said on the Fox News Sunday program of September 15, "I find it hard to believe, because she's so popular. She's such an attractive actress."

Jane Austen: All Things to All?

It isn't hard to understand the contemporary relevance of this early 19th century writer. Her books sparkle with wit, skeptical views of her world , compassion and a fierce focus on the rights of women to be whole human beings. The popularity and hugely critical success of films made for the big screen and for TV are reflected in academic specialization in research and teaching. I'm learning some of this relevance in the UCCS course taught by Prof. Joan Ray this term. But imagine my surprise by the media (especially *Time* and *Newsweek*) reports of a flap in Britain generated by an essay in "the normally staid" (according to *Time*) *London Review of Books*, written by a Stanford prof., Terry Castle. The headline for the essay read: "Was Jane Austen Gay?" Austen and her devoted sister, Cassandra, never married; lived together, including sleeping in the same bed; and wrote letters to each other in which Castle "subtly explored the unconscious homoerotic dimension" of their correspondence. Castle hotly denies the claim of homosexuality in a letter to *Time*, but her description in the essay of the letters as a source where there is a "kind of homophilic fascination" with women certainly explains the uproar—or "kerfuffle" as *Time* describes the reaction to the essay.

Possibly we should stay with Susan Gubar's reminder (she is co-editor of "The Norton Anthology of Literature by Women," and a major academic figure in Women's Studies). According to Gubar, "Cassandra undoubtedly acted as Jane's muse and her best reader, but when you know as little as we do about earlier women writers, they can become a Rorschach test on which we project anything we want." I'm just pleased with the strong portraits of women's capabilities and potentials for a full life that are found in the novels.

Media Watch: Theatre

This is a story about a remarkable actress who has achieved the success all aspiring performers dream about. Her life in the theatre has been lifelong -- including informally as a child in Paris -- Paris, Tennessee. And her not-so- overnight success in, "The Heiress" in New York in 1995; and her winning the Tony award for her portrayal of Harriet in that revival; and her playing the role in Los Angeles; and her being possibly the only "out" lesbian actress in the New York scene--all slipped by my monitoring. Imagine my surprise when an interview with Cherry Jones by Eugenie Zuckermann on the Oct. 13 Sunday Morning CBS show popped up. She is an admirable member of the community with a history of overcoming an addiction to alcohol, but with a supportive biological family and a loving partner in Mary O'Connor. I found that I had also slipped up in all but ignoring a sidebar column in Sept. 17 *Advocate* about her reading, watching, and listening favorites. Zuckermann queried her about her "pioneer" role as an out lesbian and she deferred to the lonely courage of women in all sorts of work and contribution roles in smaller towns and in the less hospitable environments of the heartland. Her career is worth knowing about and following.

Secrets and Silences: Obituaries

We are becoming used to Lesbian and Gay Men celebrating rituals of marriage, parenthood, anniversaries and so on. Some sue newspapers to ensure equal treatment with respect to news of these events. But while trying to live non-closeted lives we become experts in decoding the way our lives are described and/or revealed. It may seem morbid, but I follow the coverage of obituaries in newspapers and look for the ability of survivors, who supply the information to the paper, to deal with the lives of lost loved ones with some honesty. One marker of this, of course, is death from AIDs (remembering that even cancer as an affliction is often seen as shameful and thus not talked about). Increasingly not only is AIDs listed as cause of death, but survivor's listings frequently include "companions" for gay men. I look for never-married women, especially those with "no survivors" but only twice have I found a female "companion" listed for a never-married woman--the most recent in the Denver Post for September 4 -- a woman in Denver who died at the age of 43 and left a female companion and a son. All these are stories which need to be told and known about by someone. Few people die with "no survivors." And to be in the category of a special kind of survivor, e.g. "widow", reflects the same sort of societal recognition we ask for in terms of marriage and parenting.

With respect to another story of a death I may be stretching the decoding somewhat, but I have to wonder because it comes from the world of professional golf--a tribute in the *New York Times* to Kathy Ahern who died of cancer at the age of 47. The highlights of her golfing career were in the late 60s and 70s. The survivors included a mother and several sisters. But the story also noted her continued association with the L.P.G.A in the 80s, "...sometimes assisting and coaching players, or caddying on tour for her close friend, Sherri Turner." And that's all we are to know--her mother, her sisters and at least one "close friend."

Front Range Academic Notes

The first issue of a newsletter, *CU Out and About*, arrived this week. Among other news it reports on the establishment of a Karen Raforth Stonewall Scholarship for CU-Boulder students to be awarded to one who has been "a steadfast and visible" advocate for lesbians, gay men and bisexuals and an "effective ally of other minority groups". The award is named for Dr. Karen Raforth who served on the C.U. Boulder campus for 19 years as University psychologist and assistant director of Counseling Services. She now is at Counseling Services on the Auraria campus in Denver. She has been a "driving force behind the creation of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Resource Center" and one of the important advocates for improving the campus climate for students, staff and faculty in Boulder. The goal for the endowment fund is for an annual $1000 scholarship.

LOVE MATTERS

By Linda Sutton

some thoughts on lesbian love

QUESTION: Would you please write about "fair fighting." I've always heard about it but am not sure of the steps other than using "I" statements.

Thank you,
A peace-nik

"I" statements. Let me see if I understand what you mean. Like: "I hate your guts". ""I think you're really stupid." "I never want to see you again.".

Just kidding . . . . Well, sort of!

Is peace-nik looking for some universal ground rules for fair fighting? Is she searching for some strategies for maintaining the peace? Does she want me to give her a formula for making emotionally correct "I" statements while fighting? If she is needing any of the above, I'm afraid this column will sorely disappoint her. What I have to say about fighting defies all the conventional wisdom on the subject. By now, however, my readers have probably figured out that Maureen and I do not have a very conventional relationship. Or, at least, we don't think about our relationship in conventional ways. Maureen and I, over the last fifteen years, have developed a pretty forceful style of fighting. This style would probably horrify all the communication and relationship experts currently on the circuit preaching about "conscious conflict." I wonder when I see these experts all lined up on the talk shows and read their books whether any of them have ever been in a REAL relationship. Maureen and I have made a conscious effort over the years to learn HOW TO FIGHT. We've learned that fighting is critical to the health and vitality of our relationship. And, believe it or not, there's been little or no discussion about how to fight FAIRLY. In fact, to me and Maureen, the notion of "fair fighting" is truly an oxymoron. Fair is about the last thing we're thinking about when we are really fighting, neither one of us wants to be fair, nor do we think we have to be.

By now my readers are probably wondering what kind of a person, especially a so-called therapist, would ever think such thoughts, let alone say them publicly. I know I'm really going out on the limb here. But, believe me, it didn't used to be how I thought or talked either. Now, mind you, I never particularly felt like fighting fair, in any relationship I've been in, but I believed the conventional wisdom about how adults were supposed to fight. How normal people were fighting in the privacy of their own homes. Good people. Sane people. Intelligent people. Such people fought fair. They didn't raise their voices. They didn't say mean things. They didn't blame, make threats or judgments. When I measured my fighting instincts against what I believed to be normal behavior, I came up feeling Bad, Sick, Stupid, Guilty, Ashamed. Great feelings for a healthy self-esteem! Much has changed during my relationship with Maureen. We have learned the value of a good old fashioned fight. We now fight hard, fight more often and feel good about ourselves and our relationship after our fights. We both credit a lot of this change to my relationship with my daughter Misty. It was really in that relationship where I learned how to fight, not fairly, but effectively.

When Maureen and I moved in together, Misty was a budding teenager. I was not at all prepared for her stormy adolescence. Misty had been a very sweet, even-tempered and reasonable little girl. In fact, I worried that she was too compliant when she was in elementary school. I was shocked and scared by her teenage rebellion. Maureen had known Misty in her earlier, sweeter, persona. She too was unprepared for the level of conflict she soon would be witnessing. Misty and I fought about everything that parents and adolescents fight about - chores, dirty rooms, boyfriends, curfews. Our fights were loud, intense, unreasonable, irrational - "knock-down, drag-out." We screamed. We called each other names. we slammed doors. We made ridiculous threats. "I'm running away," she would say. "I'll pack your suitcase," I would respond. Since I was never allowed to fight like this with my parents, I some how reasoned that this kind of fighting was good and necessary. Our fights generally never lasted very long, nor interestingly enough, did our angry feelings linger. Once we had exhausted our anger, our fight was behind us and we returned to our more familiar way of being with one another - sometimes loving, sometimes indifferent. Whether our fights lasted a few minutes or a few hours, we always reconnected and felt fine about each other and ourselves.

In the meantime, Maureen, who was also a peace-nik at the time, would be practically hiding under the bed if she were still to be found in the house. For Maureen, my fight with Misty was not over. She was scared to death. She had been a highly respectful teenager who went to heroic efforts to keep the peace in her family. She was afraid that fights like mine with Misty would leave permanent scars. What she observed in our household, however, challenged her thinking. Misty and I were indeed reconnected and there really weren't any bruises. Maureen was fascinated with our outcome.

Meanwhile, Maureen and I were not fighting. We were having what could only be described as minor and major "Upsets." It wasn't that we weren't getting angry, it was that we were too afraid to voice our anger or acknowledge our differences. So, we would first try to hide any uncomfortable feelings we had. What's wrong, Honey?" she would ask. Oh, nothing," I would lie. "Just had a hard day at the office." After a few days or weeks of lying, there would be a minor flare-up. One of my uncomfortable feelings would just slop out.

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The Test of the Times Home Kits Give HIV Results, but Raise Questions

The ads are beginning to pop up on network TV, during "Melrose Place" and between the yuks on Letterman and Leno: a somber young man in one spot, a solemn young woman in another, waiting to learn the results of their Confide taken-at-home HIV tests. "I feel a lot better now that I know," she says.

Radio ads for another HIV test product, called Home Access, feature a couple debating: "What's it gonna look like if we go in for an HIV test?" the man argues. His girlfriend assures him that "no one's going to see anything" because they'll use the test kit "by ourselves -- you know, consenting adults in the privacy of one's home!"

Yet the testing controversy is probably not over. "I'm even more afraid of tests you can perform at home yourself, like pregnancy tests," says Hawley. "The technology is there, and there'll be pressure to approve them." Tests that yield results on the spot, already available in several foreign countries, were discussed at the international AIDS conference in Vancouver, B.C., this summer. An application to market one in the United States, raising the prospect of individuals learning their HIV status alone in their bathrooms, would stoke the fires all over again.

"I don't think it's going to happen for a while," says Home Access spokesman Kevin Johnson, noting the FDA's long insistence on a counseling component to any home test. "But two years ago, people would've told you you'd never see a home HIV test."

The Washington Post September 30 1996
Paula Span

New Phazes Presents:

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Friday, December 13th, 1996
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DYKES -N- DRAG AND TRUE COLORS TEAMED WITH YOU!!

Dykes-N-Drag

A success! Thank you for joining New Phazes and True Colors for this special event. We would also like to thank comedians Sara and James for donating their time to be a part of this event; Jan, Tina, Robin (great music!!), Brenda, and B.J. for all their hard work Saturday night; all the sponsors of this event, especially Janet's Auto Repair (brake job and tune-up), The Travel Company (round trip tickets for two), and Colorado Limousine (one hour limousine ride). Congratulations to all the winners!! We had a wonderful time as we hope you each did!!

Special guest appearances: Elvis (who happened to be the cutest hound *dog*), Julie and Cindy (quite a twist on DOMA. Thank you for joining us!!), Lilly Vanilly (another occasion to wear a different "hat"...), the Extremes (where *did* those outfits come from...?), and Sally (who's bra did you stuff?). Thanks again reader's. Please join us for our Christmas dinner and dance on Friday, December 13, 1996 at the Palmer House. Advance reservations required. See page 11.

P.S. Thank you Rebecca for the limousine ride to and from the bar. We owe you one!

Cheshire Ball

What a wonderful event! Nancy Norton, Dead Sonatra's, and all the costumes imaginable! A must-be-there-next-year-event. Thank you Brittany for inviting and acknowledging New Phazes Newsletter. What would we do without you?...No comment, Ms. Weber!!

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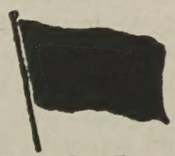

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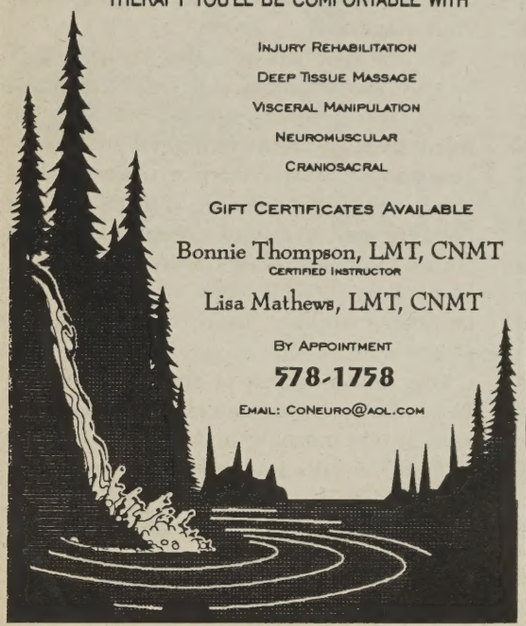

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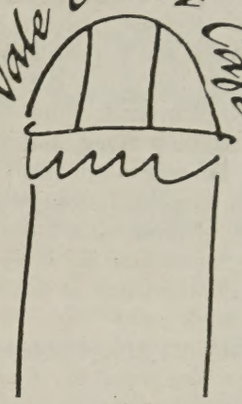

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READERS FORUM

Greetings from Aspen
Hey Friend:

What's happening!?! We just had our first snowfall of the season here in Aspen. I just can't believe it's almost that time of year again. My name is Jim and I'm writing to invite you to Aspen Gay Ski Week '97, coming up Jan 25 - Feb 01. Aspen Gay Ski Week is the world's most upscale fashionable Gay and Lesbian sporting event. And you know, the week long ski event is much more than just another fashionable, must attend, totally cool, chic circuit party. In fact, t has so many appealing aspects, whether you are attending for the 5,000 beautiful people, or that adrenaline rush as you tear through Spar Gulch while cool crisp Colorado air blows through your hair, the networking opportunities, or even just the raging cool fun that you know you will have.

Ski Week technically begins Sunday, January 25th, although there will be thousands in town the whole first weekend. That night, the ASPEN PARTY kicks off the week with a totally fabulous dance party at the Hotel Jerome. There will also be another version or flavor of the Aspen Party at Club Freedom that night made especially for women. And if that's not enough for you, all the clubs around town will be packed till the wee hours with men and women everywhere. Whatever, it's all packaged here in Aspen Gay Ski Week.

Planned is a community town meeting type forum, participants attending Ski Week will get a chance to meet prominent gay and lesbian activists, as well as celebrities at the two forums planned for this year.

So you're invited. Now think of some friends to bring along, and make plans to attend. January is not that far away, and by then you will definitely owe it to yourself. If you want more information, call the Aspen Gay Ski Week information and reservation line at 800.984.8863, and then check out our web site at www.rof.net/yp/aspengay.

I hope to see you at Ski Week. Maybe I'll Cya on the slopes with all the other cool people. Later, *Jim*

Readers? We need to know who all is coming. Call 634-0236.

To New Phazes and Tex.

I write to thank you for the information and statements that you have printed about the handicapped. It has changed my life and my family's life.

I look forward to reading your paper every month. Keep up the good work and thank you for being there. Do you have any information about who is the best home care? I love your paper.

Sincerely, A grateful reader

We love to know when we can make an impact. Please see Tex's column "You Don't Say" for a follow up.

To: NewPhazes

Yo Sisters--Thank you so much for the wonderful article in New Phazes, on women on travel. Mike and I are thrilled to death to get a 4 Lambda rating from your magazine.

It is our goal here at Camp Michael B&B, to give our brothers and sisters, a home away from home, where one can be themselves and relax in a quiet and serene atmosphere. Carry on like white trash if they want to, get some good grub, and not have to bend over and grease up when it comes to price. When Carolyn was here, I had taken a walk and could hear the laughter coming from the verandah, almost a half a mile away.

Your newsletter is a smashing success here. Two of your sisters from Wisconsin read it this morning and wrote down the address to order the cookbook. They were so proud that you women had your stuff together enough to put out a newspaper. You rate a 4 Lambda rating yourself.

As always
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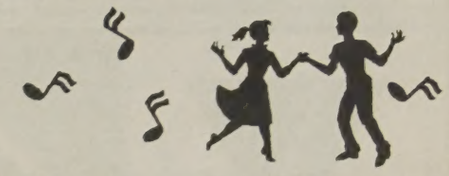

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Women's Sport's Progress Under Title IX; Women's Basketball Goes Pro

(Reprinted from National NOW Times Oct. 1996) by Kathryn Lee Kemp, Women's Institute on Sport and Education, and Melinda Shelton.

Let 1996 go down in Olympic history as the year of the Female Athlete. For the first time in modern Olympic history, women dominated both in events and worldwide recognition. More than 65,000 spectators crammed the stands to see the U.S. women claim a soccer gold medal, while thousands more experienced history as the U.S. claimed the first gold medal ever awarded in softball. And the Georgia Dome rocked with more than 35,000 fans--many wearing jerseys emblazoned with their favorite female athlete's name and number--who witnessed spectacular basketball as the U.S. swept by Brazil to win the gold medal.

The U.S. sent the largest contingent of female athletes -- 287 -- and the 3,779 women competitors (out of 10,440 total) represented a 26 percent increase from the previous summer games in Barcelona, Spain. In fact, women in this year's games comprised 34.4% of the competitors, compared to 20.6% in Montreal's 1976 games.

While most people are unaware of a law that has done just that for this country's female athletes. Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 states "no person in the U.S. shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, or denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving federal aid."

But despite the obvious triumphs of our women athletes at the Olympics and beyond and society's growing acceptance of females as competitors, Title IX remains a favorite target for politicians and educational institutions eager to cut financial corners--at the expense of girls and young women. Gross inequities still exist in coaching salaries, quality and availability of locker rooms, practice and competitive facilities, quality and quantity of equipment and supplies--and the list goes on.

What can we do to support gender equity in athletics and ensure the continued growth of women's sports?

- To start with, know the law. Check out "Gender Equity in Sports," a web sight designed by Dr. Christine H. B. Grant and Mary C. Curtis of the University of Iowa. It can be found at www.arcade.uiowa.edu/proj/ge/Title_IX.html and is an excellent source of current data regarding Title IX litigation. And if you face inequity in your interscholastic/collegiate athletic programs, file a complaint with the federal Office of Civil Rights. Discrimination is illegal.
- The Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act will go into effect Oct. 1. All institutions receiving federal aid will be required to make public the revenues and expenditures of their sports programs, scholarships and teams. Encourage young women in athletics and advocacy groups to request copies of this report from their institution.

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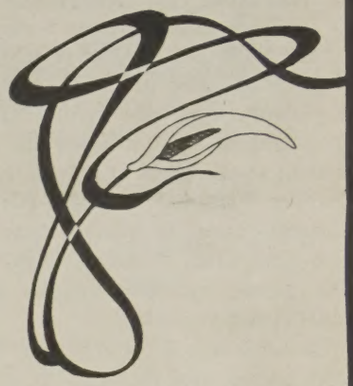

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- How do we create and maintain the love, the relationship we really want?

When: Saturday, November 23rd
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Where: Location to be announced

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SINGLES

ACTION ALERT

Gay and Lesbian National Hotline set to Take Calls

--Only Resource Of Its Kind Now Available Toll-Free, Nationwide--

For Immediate Release: September 24, 1996

New York, NY -- After nearly 14 months of planning and national fundraising, an important new non-profit, all-volunteer organization, including service to gay and lesbian youth, is set to debut. The gay and Lesbian National Hotline (GLNH) will officially open its toll-free telephone lines at 6 p.m. EDT, Tuesday, October 1, 1996. The phone number will be 1-888-THE-LNH (1-888-843-4564).

The GLNH will provide peer counseling, information and referrals to gay, lesbian, and bisexual people, as well as others concerned with gay-related issues. The services are without charge and totally anonymous.

The Parental Rights Amendment is on the ballot

The proponents of the Parental Rights Amendment have turned in 83,000 signatures and the initiative is headed for the November ballot. Protect Our Children, the coalition fighting the amendment, needs your help!

The Parental Rights Amendment would change the Colorado Constitution to expressly recognize a right of parents "to direct and control the upbringing education, values and discipline of their children."

The Parental Rights Amendment will lead to chaos and expensive litigation. By changing the constitution, entire statutory schemes will be displaced. Examples include:

Public schools could be transformed into political and ideological battlegrounds.

Health Care providers could be sued for providing teens confidential services such as birth control counseling, sexually transmitted disease testing and treatment and HIV/AIDS testing.

Mental health professionals could be sued for providing confidential counseling to teens for addiction to drugs or alcohol, severe family problems or thoughts of suicide.

Public libraries could become censorship battlegrounds. They may be forced to refuse library cards to children because of the potential liability.

Adoption and child abuse laws will become complicated. Children will be placed at greater risk. The best interest of the child will no longer be the legal standard. The best interest of the parent is what will most likely prevail.

The Protect Our Children Coalition is organizing to defeat the PRA. They are a broad-based coalition of parents, teachers, doctors, nurses, lawyers, counselors and ministers. Eighty-one Colorado organizations have joined them to oppose the PRA. They need your help. In order to defeat the PRA they need money for paid advertising, yard signs, mailings and other campaign expense.

The proponents of the PRA are well funded. They paid $53,000 to petition circulators to get on the ballot.. It was reported on the Today Show that, nationally, the Parental Rights movement is funded by Betsy DeVos of the Amway Foundation, an organization know to support religious political extremist organizations.

The Protect Our Children Coalition is not backed by big money. They only have the generous donations from groups and individuals opposed to the PRA. If you wish to volunteer or send a donation, call or write the campaign offices now!

Protect Our Children
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IT'S ELEMENTARY

This documentary film, by Academy Award winner Debra Chasnoff, vividly portrays prejudice in elementary and middle school-aged children, how even our youngest children harbor the beginnings of bigotry through the influence at home and from their peers and misinformation from the media, and how that bigotry dissipates through open dialogue and appropriate presentation of facts.

It's about the lies, myths and stereotypes created and promoted by the Extreme Right Wing in order to recreate the school system according to their own chosen, self-full and selfish agenda; with frightening and destructive results for our next generation.

It's NOT about the mysterious "Gay Agenda"--It's about teaching children to understand bigotry and discrimination and how it affects other people as well as themselves.

It's NOT about the non-existent "Recruiting,"--It's about educators, school administrators, counselors and staff, gay and straight, involving all students from all families, from all backgrounds and walks of life in the curriculum and classroom life without fear of job loss or lawsuit from extremist parents and organizations, **...and...**

It's about students, who need to reach out to adults to talk, for understanding, for guidance; that they are able to do so with educators without the fear of repercussions from their peers, lawsuit from their parents, or negative publicity directed at themselves, their family, their school, or community.

It's NOT about "promoting pro-homosexuality" in the schools, --It's about valuing all families and their children. It's about all children, gay and straight, having positive role models they can look up to, admire, emulate and share with their friends and family in order to grow up and be stronger, better educated, contributing adults and ready for the world.

It's NOT about teaching "homosexual sex" to children, --It's about respect, respect for all people and respect for one's self. It's about healthy, open, lively, and educational dialogue which nourishes ideas, creativity, exploration, and challenges our children to grow. It is this atmosphere in which respect for self and others flourishes.

But you can't truly respect others with a heart full of hate and a head full of lies.

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Enjoying all the Romance

by Dorothy Bosche

"We do not remember days, we remember moments. Make moments worth remembering."

Thanksgiving, a time for gathering family and friends together in celebration. I hope that after you all have indulged in the traditional Turkey, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie, that you'll take a moment to reflect upon your life and give thanks for those things that matter; good friends, good times, a place to live, meaningful work, pets who love us in spite of our numerous faults and short comings.

Tips for thawing Turkey

Thaw bird in original wrapper in the refrigerator. Allow 12 hours for a 3-5 lb. bird, and 3 days for a 12 lb. bird. Turkey can also be thawed in water by leaving it in the original wrapper and placing it under cold running water, or immersing it in cold water and changing the water every 30 to 60 minutes. This method takes about 8 hours to thaw a 12 lb. bird.

Cooking time will vary with the size of the bird, stuffed or unstuffed, and if you use a roasting bag. A roasting bag will cut down on cooking time and that mess in your oven. For a 12 lb. turkey figure on 3 1/2 to 4 1/2 hours cooking time; thermometer temp. 180 degrees F. For a 20-24 lb. bird figure on 7 hours cooking time.

Basic Bread Stuffing

1/2 cup margarine or butter
8 cups dry bread crumbs/cubes
1 medium onion chopped
2 Tablespoons poultry seasoning
2 stalks celery chopped
1 teaspoon salt 1/4 teaspoon pepper
1/2 cup chicken broth/bouillon

In a skillet cook margarine, onion, and celery until tender. In a large bowl, combine bread crumbs, seasoning, salt and pepper, mix well. Add broth and onion and celery mixture, stirring until of desired moistness (stuffing will become more moist as it cooks inside the turkey. Stuffing should be more moist if cooking separately).

Pumpkin Pie

2 Eggs 1/2 teaspoon salt
1 can (16 oz) canned pumpkin
1 can (12 oz) evaporated milk
3/4 cup granulated sugar
2 teaspoons Pumpkin Pie spice
1 pre-made pie shell

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. In a large bowl whisk together the first 6 ingredients. Place pie crust shell on baking sheet.Pour filling into crust, bake 45 min. or until knife inserted in center of pie comes out clean.Garnish with whipped cream.

Over the years I have lost a lot, including myself; yet somehow I've made it through. Lately I've noticed that the younger generation doesn't deal with life so easily. A lot of people went to college and work at jobs they have to take; not what they went to school for. If, by the time they hit thirty they don't have a career, family, and make good money, they have nothing. I guess I don't understand. Whatever happened to being grateful for what you do have while you're trying to get ahead. I am a little worried about my future. If everyone's so hot to get ahead, rich , and famous, what will happen to love, friendship, helping your neighbor or even caring. I've noticed that these "go-getters" don't have time for any of the above. What happened to "who you are" instead of what you are? Your job or position doesn't make you who you are, inside. Do you have to be famous or rich to be loved? NO.

My grandfather was an Apache Medicine Man and his ways were simple and rewarding. No matter where you stand in life, if you give kindness, love and understanding, you will be rewarded. So, no matter how sick, how broke or rich I am, I give. Even if I get burned. No one is better or less than me. I may be ill and just making it in life, but I'm rich for what I do have. A home, a wife, great friends, and I give.

Footnote. . . .

I recently got a letter from someone who received a little help from some articles about handicapped information (see Reader's Forum.) I am very pleased to know that we, at New Phazes, are able to reach out and help. I am also very grateful to the staff to allow me to pass along stories and ideas to you, the reader.

The reader asked about home health care and I have experienced them all. If you have Medicaid or Medicare or even other insurance's, Kimberly Olsten or Maxim are, to me, the two best choices. However, I believe that the best way to get what's best for you is to call "Options" and

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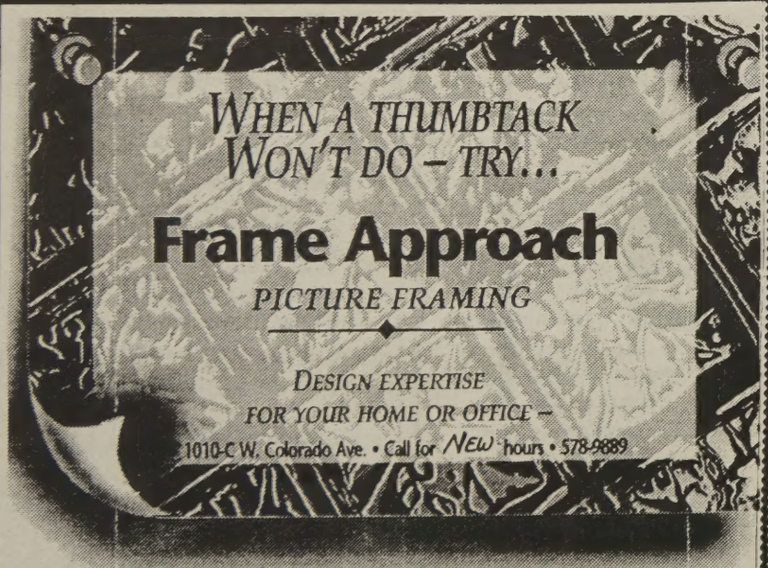
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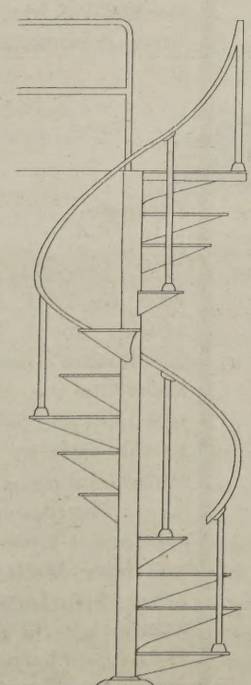

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BOOK REVIEW

A SEPARATE CREATION: The Search for the Biological Origins of Sexual Orientation

Today, some geneticists believe that they have identified a "gay gene" that plays a role in defining the sexual identity of men and women from the moment of conception. "By the time the research is complete, we may be able to distinguish in some lab test the differences that make some of us homosexual," predicts journalist Chandler Burr in "A Separate Creation," an enlightening new book about the cutting-edge discoveries in genetics and sexuality. "It means that when a woman is pregnant, a few stray cells from her womb may tell her, or someone else, this aspect of her child. It means that gay people will no longer have the option of hiding."

The earliest revelations of a link between genetics and sexual orientation first reached the mass media back in 1991 and prompted what Burr calls "a fury based on confusion." His book is an earnest and mostly successful effort to untangle and explain the revolutionary findings of genetic research into the makings of sexual identity.

Here we find the not-so-subtle subtext of the scientific research into sexual preference and the book itself--the suggestion that homosexuality is caused or at least influenced by one's genetic legacy can be used as a weapon for and against gay men and women.

"All human genetics is political," says one Harvard geneticist, thus summing up the real danger that Burr seeks to warn against in "A Separate Creation."

Chandler Burr (Hyperion; $24.95, 354 pgs)

A TONGUE-IN-CHEEK LOOK AT LESBIANS' ROOTS

"I'm not a very successful lesbian in most social situations," admits Mary Dugger, who nonetheless took her expertise in the matter and just released "The History of Lesbian Hair" (DoubleDay), a hilarious collection of essays and graphics looking at lesbian life and culture.

The book's release coincided with National Coming Out Day on Friday, October 11th. National Coming Out Day was inspired by the 1987 March on Washington for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Civil Rights. It has been celebrated since 1988 as a day of lesbian and gay visibility.

"The History of Lesbian Hair" includes a chart (which features everybody from your high school gym teacher to Madonna to make-over-maven Ingrid Casares) tracing the phenomenon of lesbian hair back to country singer Patsy Cline.

"Well, OK, Patsy Cline wasn't a lesbian," Dugger confesses, "but her style set off a whole nation of lesbian hair."

How-to-Harry

On September 27th, Roxborough's Vance Lehmkuhl marked the sixth anniversary of his City Paper cartoon, How-to Harry, by outing Harry. ``He's been `that way' since Day One," said the cartoonist. ``It's just that the time was ripe," he said, citing a flurry of anti-gay legislation -- plus Ellen DeGeneres' possible outing of her TV character. Is this also Lehmkuhl's closet exit? ``Oh no," he said. ``I'm not nearly as gay as Harry."

A Married . . . With Children' star lobbies for a date with `Ellen'

Amanda Bearse, who plays Marcy on Fox's Married . . . With Children, would love to guest-star on Ellen as a date for Ellen Morgan, Ellen DeGeneres' character on the ABC sitcom. Bearse, a lesbian who plays ``a raging heterosexual" on Married, is the latest Hollywood type to rally for Ellen Morgan to come out of the closet. Nobody's talking officially, but smart money says it will happen, probably during the February ratings ``sweeps."

``It's my dream to play a lesbian character," says Bearse, 38, mother of 3-1/2-year-old Zoe and partner with (female) producer Dell Pearce. ``I could bring a lot to the role. I'm jealous that Ellen could get to do it. I'd love to play one of her dates. Comedically, we could make something click there."

The Philadelphia Inquirer, October 3, 1996

Heres an e-mail address I obtained from the "Ellen" bulletin board over in the gay and lesbian aol site: abcaudr@abc.com (that's abc audience response) That site will also yield names of "Ellen" sponsors so folks can call and write them, too. Rest assured, the other side is doing so.

RELATIVITY...IT'S A GIRL!!

Don't be surprised if there's a female lip-lock on ABC's Relativity, the acclaimed new drama from homeboy Marshall Herskovitz. Like his previous work -- ABC's Thirtysomething and My So-Called Life -- Relativity features a gay character. This time, it's a female, Rhonda (Lisa Edelstein, the unlucky-at-love sister of Leo (David Conrad). In the second episode, Rhonda wakes up in the same bed with Leo's girlfriend, Isabel (Kimberly Williams), and they chat. Leo's sacked out on the couch. ``The scene was totally relaxed, grown-up, lovely and sensual," says Herskovitz. ``Life is sexual. The gay character is not in any way hiding the fact that she's amused by the situation."

Bound

"Bound" is one of those movies that works you up, wrings you out and leaves you gasping. It's pure cinema, spread over several genres. It's a caper movie, a gangster movie, a sex movie and a slapstick comedy.

As the film opens, a tough but sexy woman is moving into a new apartment. She rides the elevator to her floor with what looks like a mobster and his ditzy girlfriend. He's a mobster, all right, but she's not as ditzy as she looks. It's more of an act that gives her immunity in a dangerous environment.

The sexy newcomer is Corky (Gina Gershon), a lesbian who has just finished serving a prison sentence. The mobster is Caesar (Joe Pantoliano), a mid-level functionary in the Chicago crime syndicate. His girlfriend is Violet (Jennifer Tilly), whose lust for their new neighbor is so obvious she might as well just turn herself into Jerry Springer and get it over with (``Violet--afraid to tell Mafioso boyfriend she's a lesbian").

Passion between the two women is instantaneous, steamy and kind of funny. Gershon and Tilly are electric together, maybe because they understand the humor of their situation and play the sex for delight instead of for solemn earth-shaking gynecological drudgery. The movie seems to be shaping up as an erotic popcorn-masher, but then the plot thickens and keeps on thickening, twisting the characters and the audience ever tighter into a sticky web of murder, blood, sex and money.

``Bound" is shocking and violent, and will offend some audiences. It's that kind of movie. But it's skillful filmmaking, setting a puzzle that involves time, space, money and danger, and seeing how many different ways it can be solved.

By Roger Ebert

Rated R (strong sexuality, violence and language).

The Different Colors of the Rainbow

For Womyn...About Womyn

Tex Spradlin

Judy & Cathy: Married 8 years; Judy just found out Cathy's pregnant.
Jessi & Megan: Involved in the shooting. Wanted to start a secret relationship.
Lilly: Jealous ex-girlfriend of Jessi.
Anne: Secret wife of Megan.

... which one of these ladies might leave or disappear? What is Lilly up to now? How did Cathy get pregnant? Who's married? Read on as the story unfolds...

Lilly had no idea where she was going. In a state of shock, she just kept driving all over town over and over again. Twice she drove by the hospitals to see if there was any action, but saw nothing. She decided to drive by her house to see if it was safe, but a cop car was sitting out front. "Damn!" she said as she hit her steering wheel. She looked over at the gun which was laying on the seat beside her and picked it up. She knew there was only one bullet left and a thought crossed her mind. She shook her head and put it back down. "Lilly", she said to herself, "Think, think, think!" "Damn, now what?" She took in a deep breath and let it out slowly. She put her car in gear and drove away. Lilly couldn't concentrate very long on anything. Her mind danced from fear to pride to just being lost. She had no idea what she was doing, then something strange came over her and she found a phone booth. After several calls, she got the information she needed and drove off.

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Anne woke with a jolt; looking around she tried to get her bearings. She had hoped that it had all been a bad dream, but the pain and ache through her body, from sitting in her wheelchair for so long, told her it wasn't. She was alone with strangers; no one to reach out to. She rolled over to the desk and asked the nurse about Megan. The nurse made a call and told her someone would be out in a moment to talk with her. She prodded the nurse, needing to know if it was bad news or good. The nurse gave her nothing, and she felt anger and wanted to scream and yell.

Just then Judy came out from behind the big double doors. Anne noticed that she was pale and tears streaked her face. Panic surged through Anne and she rolled as fast as she could over to Judy. "What's wrong?" Is it Megan, is she all right?" At first Judy couldn't focus and didn't answer Anne right away.

Anne kept shaking Judy's arm until they made eye contact. "No,...No, it's not Megan. I'm sorry, my wife, well she's, uh, she's . . . pregnant." It was all she could do just to say it. Anne let go a deep sigh of relief, then smiled at Judy. "Well, that's good news, congrat's Girl. Is she okay now?" Judy didn't know how to reply and it was so unexpected. She told Anne that Cathy was okay. Judy went over and poured them both coffee."Have you heard anything about Megan and Jessi yet?" Judy asked. Anne shook her head and told her the same thing the nurse said to her.

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Megan slowly opened her eyes to see tubes and machines all around her. Everything was dark and quiet. Once in a while she'd hear whispering and tried to lift her head but it was heavy and she felt dizzy. After straining to move, she gave up and fell asleep again. Her dreams were scary and bloody. The same faces and visions of falling, screaming, and pain filled her every sleeping moment. She woke again to see strange faces looking down at her, nodding, probing, and talking. Were they talking to her? She was so hazy and fell asleep. This time she saw Anne, standing beside her, laughing and smiling. Megan thought she could feel Anne holding her hand and kissing all over her face. It felt good and loving. It reminded her of how much she loved Anne. Then suddenly Jessi was there kissing and holding her. She looked around and didn't see Anne anymore. As she looked at Jessi, Megan felt a sexual attraction, and lust. She started kissing and fondling Jessi, then they both lay down on a big warm fuzzy blanket that came from nowhere. Megan's hands roamed the fine curves of Jessi's body.

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As Judy and Anne sat staring into their coffee, Judy in shock and Anne in prayer, a doctor came out looking for Anne. Judy grabbed Anne's hand as the doctor pulled up a chair to sit in front of them. The doctor explained the surgery first and what they had to do. Megan was hit twice. The first bullet hit and went through her left shoulder; it would heal well and require a lot of therapy. The second was worse. It hit a rib and bounced through her intestines and into her pancreas. They were able to fix all but the pancreas. Megan would require insulin now, but otherwise she came through it all fine.

Anne sobbed and she could not control herself, for her emotions had been penned up since this happened. Judy shivered as if shaking off bad vibes, then she asked about Jessi. Jessi had been hit a lot worse. The bullet grazed the heart and was lodged in her spine. They could not remove the bullet just yet. The doctor said he was sorry but Jessi had only a slight chance of recovering. Judy hadn't realized she was still holding Anne's hand until Anne squeezed it.

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....contributed by Tex

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We make you laugh and cry and never tell a lie
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As my lips begin to move
My voice shouts out loud,
Listen up world
I am Gay and I am Proud!

Now that it's out and in the open
I feel much more at ease
No more hiding or pretending
I have only myself to please.

So talk about me if you must
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R. Denise Owen

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continued.... I could see it hurting Maureen so I would spend hours back-pedaling, apologizing for having said anything, lying some more. When the anger got big enough, we'd have a major "Upset." I would directly express my anger and Maureen would run as far as she could in the opposite direction, literally and figuratively. Or, she would start crying and then retreat. I would immediately regret having said anything and start feeling like a really terrible person. While this dynamic was occasionally reversed, it was most often me trying to feebly express my feelings and her massively retreating. It would take days to get back on track. How we got back on track, only the Goddess knows. It certainly wasn't through processing the feelings. We just went on avoiding them. If we hadn't had such a strong connection and such intolerance for disconnection, we probably would have broken up after the first five years. Although we eventually reconnected, it took such a long time and the reconnection never seemed as complete as that which took place between me and Misty. In fact, I found fighting with Maureen to be hugely unsatisfying. Although it took Maureen longer to admit this, she eventually came to the same conclusion. We saw that our style of fighting was really unproductive and we began noticing that our overall passion and good feelings for one another were waning. It was at that point that we consciously made a decision to learn how to have what we now label as "real fights" - the kind Misty and I had had for so many years. First, however, we needed to articulate why my fights with Misty were so effective and what was getting in the way of Maureen and I having more effective fights. What did Misty and I have that Maureen and I didn't? And how could Maureen and I get It?

...TO BE CONTINUED NEXT MONTH

In the meantime, don't ever forget, your Love Matters.

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Awakening Passion

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Different Colors continued...

The doctor jumped up as a code blue for ICU came bellowing over the speakers. Both women sat shocked and panicked as they watched the doctor run down the hall, with a couple of nurses trailing behind him. Megan and Jessi were in ICU. Judy noticed that Anne was beginning to pale and offered her a glass of water. As she watched Anne drink with a trembling hand, she couldn't hold back her questions. "Anne, who are you to Megan?" Are you her sister or something?" Anne looked up with confused eyes thinking the woman knew. "I'm her wife, you didn't know?" Just when Judy could take no more, the doctor came out, looked that them and said "I'm sorry, there was nothing more I could do!"

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I'M NOT GONNA CHANGE MY MIND, MAMA. I TOLD YOU. CLARICE AND I ARE RAFFI'S FAMILY.
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SÍ, SÍ. OKAY.
LISTEN, DON'T FORGET TO HAVE YOUR FLUIDS CHECKED. THE OIL LIGHT SHOULDN'T BE FLICKERING LIKE THAT.
Gate 31
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31
THAT EVENING...
GOD, I'M SO GLAD THEY'RE GONE. PEACE AT LAST!
OW! RAFFI, THOSE WERE MY TOES YOU JUST RAN OVER!
WHAT DO YOU SAY?
RRRRRRRRRR
BLASTER
FAWK YOU?
NO. WHEN YOU HURT SOMEONE, YOU SAY 'I'M SORRY.'
YOU SAY 'THANK YOU' WHEN YOUR GRANDPARENTS BUY YOU AN OBSCENELY EXTRAVAGANT TOY AFTER I EXPRESSLY ASKED THEM NOT TO.
DON'T YOU THINK THEY WERE ACTING KINDA STRANGE?
RRRRRRRR
YOUR MOM AND DAD? I TRUST THAT'S A RHETORICAL QUESTION.
NO, I MEAN WASN'T IT WEIRD HOW AFTER THAT INITIAL OUTBURST ABOUT RAISING RAFFI IN A 'REAL' FAMILY, THEY NEVER BROUGHT IT UP AGAIN? YOU KNOW THEY DIDN'T CHANGE THEIR MINDS?
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THEY FIGURE IF THEY ACT ALL NICE, THEY'LL HAVE A BETTER CHANCE OF FINALLY WINNING YOU OVER.
IT'S JUST SO CREEPY. I'D RATHER BE SPEWED AT. AT LEAST I'D KNOW WHERE I STOOD.
SPEAKERS AT CONVENTION HOLD POSITION OF GAY ISSUES
YEAH, WELL... YOU CATCH MORE FLIES WITH HONEY.
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MEANWHILE...
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HOMOSCOPES

"OUT IN THE STARS" by C. Lichtenstein Astrological Forecast For November

This presidential November sees the usual array of personal planets clustering in the autumnal signs of Scorpio and Sagittarius. However, we can also find some senior members entrenched in challenging Capricorn. (I always vote for term limits.) Let's recount November for each sign:

ARIES (MAR 21 - APR 20) Paging Dr. Freud: Proud Rams need a consult. Up until the 15th, give your mind free reign to explore difficult psychological issues preventing you from true affirmation and pride. The results will be gratifying; by the end of the month you'll hanker for grand scale adventure and deep conversations with exotic strangers. That's conversations dear....

TAURUS (APR 21 - MAY 21) Proud Bulls may be more focused than usual on partnership issues through mid month. Seek the other opinion and ye shall find. It's good and refreshing to put your cards on the table and see how the points add up. By the 24th you can lustily trump your partners ace and win the trick. (Don't be a dummy, I suggest that some Taureans should go for the rubber.)

GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21) Gay Twins can prepare for Thanksgiving by talking turkey on the job. Up until the 15th, you can pretty much say what's on your mind to both superiors and subordinates and clear the air. (Of course, you'll be diplomatic and fair...) After the 24th, if handled properly, you'll have greater control over day-to-day jobs and may be able to institute that chiffon dress code.

CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23) If great minds think alike, try to align yourself with the greatest creative minds available. Up until the 15th, gay Crabs should make use of the personal mental freedom that the planets now release. Of course, if you stoop to ridiculous party pranks instead, you'll only have yourself to blame when, on the 24th, all those lovely, artistic ideas evaporate. Don't be a nasty Crab.

LEO (JULY 24 - AUG 23) Weeks up until the 15th should be a time of quiet introspection and discussion between you and family members. There are obviously problems in the past which are chaffing under the surface and need to be expressed. Good thing too; proud Lions needn't be repressed or closeted any longer. Live your proud life, friend, and don't kowtow to anyone. (As if you ever could!)

VIRGO (AUG 24 - SEPT 23) Mercury is well placed in your horoscope right now which means that you can gather knowledge easily and your mind is focused and sharp. My advice to all queer Virgins is to get those delightful buns in motion to meet, greet, travel and seek information. There will be plenty of time to fit the puzzle together after the 24th, but first you have to find all the pieces.

LIBRA (SEPT 24 - OCT 23) All other things being equal, you will be inordinately concerned and focused on finances for the first half of the month. Gay Libras can use their immense powers of persuasion to negotiate a very beneficial monetary or business package for themselves now so strike while the planetary energy is hot. After the 24th you'll gleefully reap what you've sown.

SCORPIO (OCT 24 - NOV 22) Think pink, at least until mid-month, when fabulous thoughts and insights come fast and furious. (Some of us like it that way...) Queer Scorps may have trouble focusing on one particular topic for an extended period, but who cares? The idea is to get ideas. By the 24th you can build on these shards with diplomacy and aptitude. Create a belvedere.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV 23 - DEC 22) Gay Archers will love what I have to say; In fact, they will love what they have to say. Up until the 15th you might as well shoot from the mouth (what a concept) since anything you don't clearly say could be held against you. While there are many things you may enjoy having held against you (like that dream by the bar) unspoken Sag words are not among them.

CAPRICORN (DEC 23 - JAN 20) Queer Goats feel like a chameleon trying on different personal styles to see which one fits just right. Take heart, dear queer soul, you crawl before you walk; this regeneration takes several months before we see the true lavender you. In the meantime, seek affirming social groups and test some opinions. Don't go for total agreement, go for fireworks for the true answer.

AQUARIUS (JAN 21 - FEB 19) What is the best way to harness career success? Don't ask me., but if you ask and listen round the corporate shark tank, you may just get a clue. Aqueerians do their best sleuthing before mid-month and best application of knowledge after the 24th. Who knows? By Thanksgiving you could be corporate queen bee. Either that or sleeping with the corporate queen bee.

PISCES (FEB 20 - MAR 20) If you're planning a vacation, do so before the 15th when your innate curiosity makes travel particularly interesting and zestful. Pink Fish also have the entire month to energize partnerships, deal with potential conflict and forge compromise. We are not talking battle lines. We are talking love, respect, pride and all those things that make our relationships perfect.

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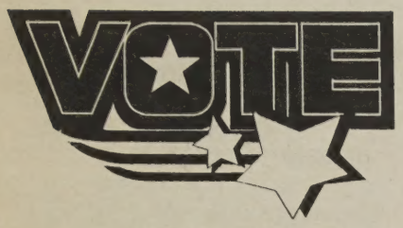

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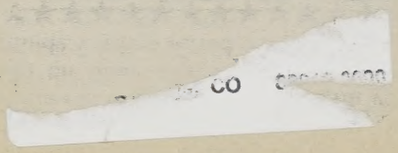

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